

Santee

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations and Permit 2014-2015



Santee NWR 2014-2015 Hunt Permit

Valid for Big Game and Small Game

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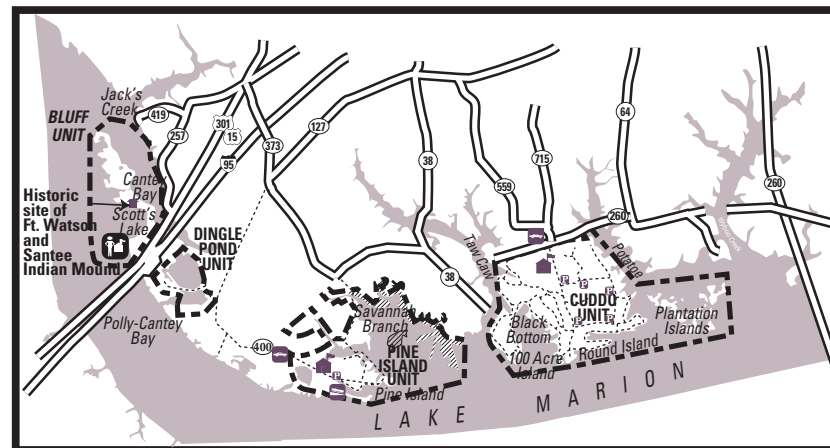
I have read and understand the regulations governing hunting on Santee NWR.

Hunter's signature: _____

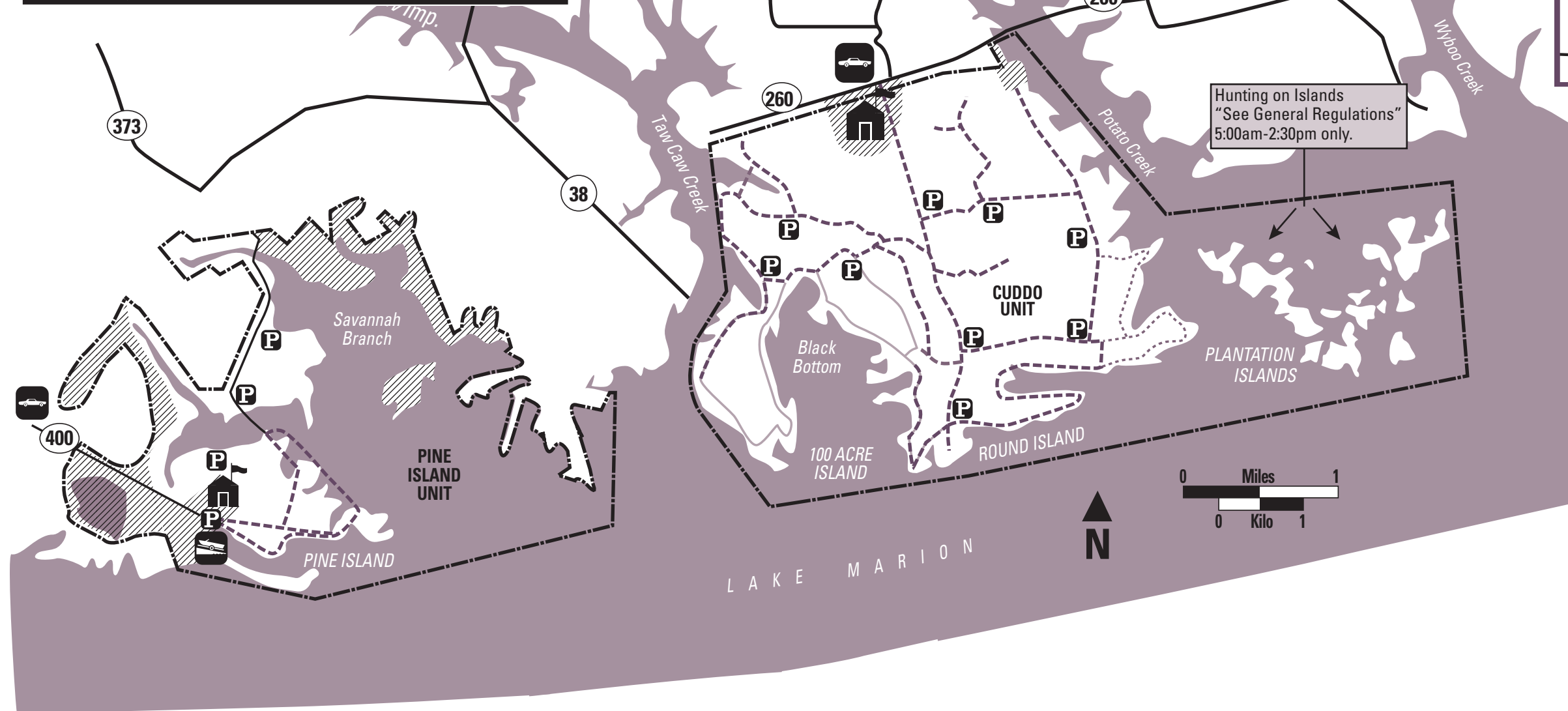
This permit must be in your possession while hunting and is valid only when signed by the hunter. The permit is valid for the duration of the Santee hunt season.

Date signed: _____

Take pride in your refuge. Do not litter!



No Hunting Zones include areas 100 feet from any roadway, 300 yards from any residence or check station, and shaded areas on this map.



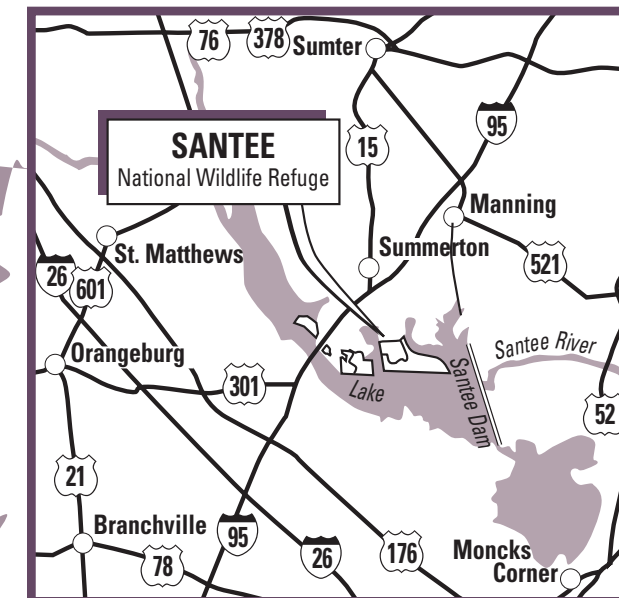
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Littering Is Prohibited By Law

BLUFF, PINE ISLAND & CUDDO UNITS

Hunting on Islands
"See General Regulations"
5:00am-2:30pm only.



- Legend**
- Refuge Boundary
 - Paved Roads
 - Unpaved Roads
 - Vehicular access permitted
 - Roads accessible only by foot or bicycle
 - Designated Refuge Foot Trail
 - Vehicle Entry Point
 - Vehicle Parking Area
 - Check Station
 - Boat Ramp
 - Visitor Center
 - Area Closed to Hunting

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For the convenience of the readers, significant points or changes appear in RED text.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 561 National Wildlife Refuges in the U.S. and its territories. The mission of this system is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Hunting is one of many necessary tools used to responsibly balance wild animal populations by removing surplus animals and ensure the overall health of all wildlife.

The list below supplements the general regulations that govern the legal use of NWR's and their hunting programs as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, hunting on Santee NWR will also follow applicable State laws and regulations.

General Hunting Regulations
The following regulations apply to all types of hunting on the refuge.
By law, all recreational activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational uses are permitted on designated areas of Santee National Wildlife Refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

Only weapons, firearms, and ammunition specifically authorized for each hunt may be used for hunting or possessed. Non-toxic shot is required when hunting with shotguns (See Firearms Section).

Hunters must personally check in and out at designated hunter check stations when entering and exiting any portion of the refuge.

All animals harvested on the refuge must be checked at the check station prior to removing the animal from the refuge.

Feral hogs are an exotic species and may be harvested as an incidental take while hunting for deer or raccoon.

Hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” for any purpose.

The use of non-motorized boats is permitted for access via interior canals to inland areas open to hunting.

The Plantation Islands (Cuddo Unit) are only open to hunting from 5 am – 2:30 pm. For safety considerations, hunters utilizing refuge island areas identified as being

open to hunting (see map) must indicate on check-in sheets that they are hunting on an island.

For the protection of all refuge visitors, refuge units that are open to public deer hunts are closed to general public access during designated hunt periods.

Hunter Education Course - Youth Hunters
Santee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center - Saturday, September 6, 2014 and Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 9 - 4 pm. To sign up for either of these classes, visit the SC DNR website at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html>

All refuge hunters under the age of 16 must show proof of successfully completing a hunter education/safety course. Hunters under the age of 16 must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years of age. An adult may supervise only one youth.

Dogs
Dogs may be used for raccoon hunting only and must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address and telephone number. The use of dogs during deer hunts is prohibited.

Hunt Permits
A refuge hunt permit (located on the cover of this brochure) signed by the hunter along with state hunting license, and photo identification (such as a state driver's license) are required for all hunts and must be in your possession while hunting.

Vehicles
Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Closed roads may only be traveled on foot or bicycle. The speed limit for all roads is 15 mph. Blocking travel through refuge access gates or road ways is prohibited. ATVs are prohibited.

Access roads closed to the general public for driving will be open only during each deer hunt and on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior to each hunt.

Firearms
Firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded and cased or locked in a secure compartment (e.g. toolbox or trunk). A loaded firearm is defined as having ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the percussion cap is not seated in the chamber.

The only weapons allowed for hunting are those which have been specified for each hunt. The use of all other weapons for hunting, including handguns is prohibited.

Prohibited Activities
Possession of bait, baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait is prohibited. Bait is defined as salt, grain or other feed placed or distributed to attract wildlife.

Using illuminating devices for the purpose of spotlighting wildlife is prohibited. Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering are prohibited.

Game and trail cameras are prohibited.

Entry beyond “Closed Area” or “No Hunting Zone” signs is prohibited. Weapons may not be discharged within, into, or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”.

Discharging a firearm from, on or across any refuge road or designated refuge foot trail is prohibited.

Hunting from within 100 feet of **any** roadway, whether open or closed to vehicular traffic or from within 300 yards of any designated hunter check station is prohibited.

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

The use of nails, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree or hunting from a tree where a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Destroying or cutting vegetation is prohibited. The possession of axes, saws, machetes, or other tools used for cutting vegetation are not permitted on the refuge while scouting or hunting.

Flagging may be used only along the edges of roads and trails and at the tree in which the stand is placed. Clothes pins with reflective tape can be used to mark the path to the tree. **All pins and flagging must be marked with the hunter's full name, date, and phone number and must be removed at the end of the hunt. Any flagging or pins found after the end of the hunt will be considered littering. Any flagging or pins found without a name will be removed immediately.**

Man or dog drives, stalk hunting, ground hunting, and/or hunting from artificially pruned trees are prohibited.

Hunting is only allowed on each refuge unit within specified hunt periods and only for raccoon or opossum, and white-tailed deer (see Seasons and Specific Hunt Regulations section).

Other Regulations
Hunters are required to wear 500 square inches of solid fluorescent orange above the waist consisting of a hat and vest or jacket during all refuge big game firearm hunts.

Scouting
Scouting on both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units is allowed during periods when these units are open to general public access. Vehicles are only allowed on roads

designated as open for vehicular traffic. All other roads and trails are only open to walk-in or bicycle traffic.

Hunter access roads generally closed to public access will be opened only during each deer hunt and on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (8 am – 5 pm) prior to each hunt for stand placement.

Weapons and dogs are prohibited during scouting activities.

Hunting Stands
Deer hunting must occur from portable, elevated deer stands that are no less than ten feet above the ground. Ground blinds are prohibited. Only one stand per hunter is permitted and the stand must be clearly marked with the hunter's full name, date, and phone number.

Stands, clothes pins, and flagging can only be placed on respective hunt areas on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately prior to each hunt (from 8 am until 5 pm) and must be removed by 8:30 pm on the last day of each hunt. **Any stands found within designated hunt areas outside of allowed periods will be confiscated.**

Seasons and Specific Hunt Regulations
White-tailed Deer
Cuddo Unit
Archery only: October 13-18, 2014
Primitive weapons only: October 27-November 1, 2014

Pine Island Unit
Primitive weapons only: October 20-25, 2014

Weapons
Archery; only bows and crossbows, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized during this hunt.

Primitive weapons; only bows or muzzle loading (black powder) rifles and crossbows in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized. See Firearms Section.

Bag Limit
No bag limit for either sex. Antlerless deer tags will be provided by the refuge at the check station. Unlimited feral hogs may be harvested as an incidental take while deer hunting.

Hours of Entry
Hunting areas will be open from 5 am until 8:30 pm during designated deer hunt periods. All hunters are required to check out at the hunter check station by 8:30 pm. Hours of entry for scouting and stand placement are as previously specified under the **Scouting** section.

Both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units will be closed to all public access on the Sunday prior to the beginning of deer hunts on each respective unit.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour past sunset. Night hunting is prohibited.

Bluff Unit
(Family, Friends, & Kids – Adult/ Child Lottery Hunt)
Friday October 3, 2014 and Saturday, October 4, 2014
Friday October 10, 2014 and Saturday, October 11, 2014

The Family, Friends, and Kids deer hunts (Family Friendly Hunts) will be conducted on the Bluff Unit on the dates listed above. **Hunters will be selected from applications received by August 31, 2014. Selected hunters will be notified by September 15, 2014.**

Hunters may use muzzle loading (black powder) rifles or shotguns with slugs during these special afternoon hunts. All other weapons are prohibited, (see Firearms Section). Both the youth and the accompanying adult will hunt from the same stand. Fixed, two-person ladder stands will be provided. Both the adult and youth may actively hunt during these hunts, provided the youth meets age and hunter education requirements listed below. During the Family Friendly Hunts, youths under 10 years of age or without a valid hunter education certificate are still welcome and encouraged to participate, but will not be allowed to possess or discharge a firearm.

Applications for Family Friendly Hunts will be available beginning August 1 and may be obtained online (www.fws.gov/santee) or by calling the refuge office at 803/478 2217 (Tuesday through Friday, 8 am until 4 pm) or by written request to Santee NWR, 2125 Fort Watson Road, Summerton, SC 29148.

Raccoon and Opossum
Cuddo Unit Only
From March 2-6, 2015 and March 9-13, 2015, (after 6pm until 6am, only). No hunting is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, or March 7 and Sunday March 8, 2015.

Special Regulation – Raccoon and Opossum
Night hunting only. Special state regulations on night hunting apply. Raccoons and opossums may be taken with a shotgun using non-toxic shot size no larger than # 4's or a .22 caliber rimfire rifle. Possession of buckshot or slugs is prohibited. The use of all other weapons for hunting is prohibited. Unlimited feral hogs may be harvested as an incidental take while raccoon hunting.

For additional information, visit the Santee NWR website at: www.fws.gov/santee or contact refuge personnel at

803/478 2217 or write to:
Santee National Wildlife Refuge
2125 Fort Watson Road, Summerton, SC 29148

To Assure Your Safety
To assure your safety and well-being while you are hunting on the refuge, refuge staff may need to contact you. We ask that all hunters provide the information requested below. This information will only be used for the aforementioned purpose and will be destroyed immediately after our final hunt.

Please tear off this sheet and leave it at the designated check in point. If hunting on more than one hunt unit or on multiple days, only one information sheet per hunt is required.

Anticipated hunt date(s):

Hunting party contact (lead hunter):

Emergency contact information:

In order to enhance your safety and yet protect your privacy, we have minimized the amount of personal information we collect. If you choose, you may provide an outside phone number/address that is different from your own. You need not provide the name of the “emergency contact.” If there is more than one person in your party we require the lead hunter's name who will have responsibility for the party. For your safety and the management of this refuge, every hunter **must** carry proof of a current permit to hunt on the refuge.